ATTACK AT PARRAL

UNPROVOKED, SAYS

Two United States Troopers and Forty

Mexicans Killed in Clash There

Wednesday Night.

War Department Announces Result of Battle, First American Version of Encounter, Upon Receipt of Message

From Gen. Funston—Details Lacking.

who had entered Parral to buy supplies that precipitated an action

between Mexicans and Americans there Wednesday, according to

Gen. Pershing's official report, received last night.

partment last night from Maj. Gen. Funston, states. Secretary Baker made this announcement:

Letcher from Chihuahua Thursday.

a point where he can be dealt with better by the Carranza forces.

These points, it became known last night, were discussed fully at Friday's cabinet meeting. The President's advisers

are said to have agreed on such a course in the belief that it would make stronger

Villa Pursuit Will Continue.

Baker sharply outlined this yesterday in

"The status of the expedition into Mex-

dial co-operation with the de facto gov-

Secretary Lansing has planned to

deal with the Parral incident as en-

tiations growing out of the request

for withdrawal of the American troops,

ernment of Mexico," he said. "That co-

a formal statement.

It was an unprovoked attack upon unarmed American soldiers

Two United States troopers and forty Mexicans were killed in the clash, the first official report on the affair, which reached the War De-

"Telegram from Gen. Funston quotes a telegram from Gen.

Pershing to the effect that he had just received information of an

unprovoked attack upon American soldiers who had entered Parral

MERELY TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES

MEN HAD ENTERED CITY UNARMED

PERSHING'S REPORT

FIVE CENTS.

No. 577.- No. 20,290.

WASHINGTON, D. C., SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 16, 1916.

# **NEW COUNTS ADDED** TO U. S. INDICTMENT OF GERMANY'S ACTS

Two More Shipping Disasters Reported While Government Is Marshaling Charges.

## **AMERICANS ENDANGERED** ABOARD BOTH VESSELS

Affidavits of Sussex Survivors Not Needed: German Report Called an Admission of Guilt.

OTHER NEUTRALS WATCHING

President to Consult Leaders of Both Parties in Congress Before Taking Action Contem-

While President Wilson and Secretary Lansing were engaged establishes the moral conviction that hat violated solemn pledges given to the United States, official far word of two more shipping disasters due apparently to illegal acts by German submarine commanders was received at the State Department.

Consular dispatches indicated that the steamship Margam Abbey was attacked without warning April 8, and that the Aber- Damage in Virginia and North deen bark Inverlyon was sunk by shellfire after the crew had been forced to the small boats more than 100 miles from shore. Americans were aboard both ships and were endangered.

## Include New Cases.

probably would be ready for transmis-

## German Admissions Important.

many neutral vessels, which, while not carrying American citizens, have been sunk by German submarines. An investigation of these cases has been proceeding on the ground that it was only by chance that American citizens were not aboard the ships when disaster overcame them.

understood to be identical in some of the cases. So far, however, the United forest, lodged on the roof of St. James' man States has declined to act jointly with other neutrals, not only in regard to the submarine question, but on other subjects as well. It was said last night by a high official of the admin-

# Commander of Submarine

PARIS. April 15, 13:10 p.m.-Inquiries of the ministry of marine concerning the circumstances of the at-

### No Other Case Reported.

cidence whereby two ships exactly ing struck at that time and place s therefore a cynical admission torpedoing of the Sussex under veil of denial. torpedoing of the Sussex is con

The torpedoing of the Sussex is confirmed by sailors of a German submarine, which was destroyed a few days after the Sussex attack. Four members of the crew of this submarine, made prisoners April 5, have been interrogated, and all have confirmed what was already known, that the Sussex was torpedoed; and they have given the name of the commandant and the number of the submarine which attacked the Sussex. These witnesses seemed to think the entire afterses seemed to think the entire afterses.

"Summarizing, the information obmakes certain, first, that the captain were of the Fourth of July variet

# HIGH WIND DRIVES

Carolina Totals Hundreds of Thousands.

dead, one of the largest lumber plants of the south destroyed and mil-

vestigation of these cases has been proceeding on the ground that it was only by chance that American citizens were not aboard the ships when disaster overcame them.

See No Need of Joint Action.

Furthermore, the interests of the United States and other neutrals are united states and other neutrals are length of several counties. The fire has not been confined to forests entirely, for at least of the deadly order 1 could have spread ground and 2,000 feet lower than my machine. Great Destruction Possible.

"The bombs were of the kind used in fireworks," said Mr. Thompson. "They explored to the interests of the length of several counties. The fire has not been confined to forests entirely, for at least of the deadly order 1 could have been

subjects as well. It was said last night by a high official of the administration that the American government saw no need for joint action in the present situation.

It was reiterated last night that before taking the action contemplated the President would consult with congressional leaders. It was indicated that republicans as well as democrats would be called into the conference.

French Officials Charge

Premeditated Attack by

burned it to the ground. The church was valued at \$10,000.

At Terracia the wind fanned flames from the forests upon the residence of Rathh Howell, destroying it, together with all outbuildings and servants of thousands of dollars. At Roger, the large Roper Lumber Company plant is reported to have been burned this morning.

The town of Bayboro was menaced for several hours last night. Fires are said to have been raging all around the town, threatening to consume many buildings. A call for assistance was dispatched to New Bern, but it was later reported that the flames had swept by without doing damage to town property.

dential and business sections, and many of them will be found tomorrow. "Acrial attack is the only danger we openly invite by total unpreparedness. Not a single anti-arcarfit gun is in the cultivation in servants of colors and the forests upon the residence of Rathh Howell, destroying it, together with all outbuildings and servants of the with all outbuildings and servants of the with all outbuildings and servants of the control of the control of the forests upon the residence of Rathh Howell, destroying it, together with all outbuildings and servants of the underly damage we openly invite by total unpreparedness. Not a single anti-arcarfit gun shadout twenty cities in the United States dently about twenty cities in the United Stat

## Much Damage in Virginia.

cerning the circumstances of the attack on the steamship Sussex have developed precise information which has been given to the Associated Press from authentic sources, as follows:

"This information is not based upon suppositions or probabilities, and in that it differs from the statement of Herr von Jagow (German foreign minister). The facts have been established by a great number of witnesses whose

# CAPITAL "BOMBED" IN NIGHT "ATTACK"

Aviator Thompson Washington Thrills Experienced by Foreign Cities.

## SEARCHLIGHTS FUTILLY TRY TO LOCATE FLIER

"I Could Have Blown White House and Capitol Off Map."

The thrills of an air raid-the purring acked the Sussex. These wit down on the city and the blinding series of think the entire affaction, so they had no hesi-flashes of powerful searchlights that confirming all details of the swept the heavens in search of an

It was the first night "air raid" tha and other witnesses saw the track of The aeroplane, the noise and the

Historic Church and Milliens of Feet of Timber Are Destroyed in Beaufort County.

Beaufort County.

Derracks and War College word large operated. Officials at the barracks had free notified that Mr. Thompson was to make the flight, and thee were given an opportunity to pick him up with the searchlights. Line After Line Fades When Assault on Dood M.

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result of forest fires raging in widely separated points of Virginia and eastion forwarded by the British government. These documents arrived on the liner St. Paul Friday. They reached here yesterday.

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The Beaver Dam and Cedar Creek were plainly seen when rays from the searchlights were unable were plainly seen when rays from the searchlights were unable to search the searchlights were unable to search the search thights were directed at that point in the heavens. Clouds of smoke, resembling huge balls of cotton, which were made by the bombs. stead some of the most valuable forest of the country, the configgration is at

## in Noted Church Dispute. LONDON, April 15, 9:08 p.m .- The

NORFOLK, Va., April 15.-Forest fires death is announced of the Rt. Rev. Wilin several counties in Virginia did dam- liam George Peel, Bishop of Mombasa, Africa, since 1899. The Bishop of Mom-

Herr von Jagow (German foreign minister). The facts have been established by a great number of witnesses whose names are known, including the captain of the Sussex.

Claim Full Knowledge.

"They establish that the commander of the submarine could not have been ignorant that he was attacking a channel steamer making regular service between France and England. The route of these steamers differs from that of other merchantmen and is perfectly known to all sailors. Moreover, the route between Dieppe and Folkestone is essentially the route of channel steamers, which make the journey at a fixed time, and the Sussex was passing by the regular route at the regular time. The commandant of the submarine therefore knew he was dealing with a regular channel steamer, the route between Pieppe and Folkestone is essentially the route of channel steamer is essentially the route of channel steamer. The firm and uninhabited section near Dismal swamp. The fire is the firm three submarine therefore knew he was dealing with a regular channel steamer, the route at the regular time. The commandant of the submarine therefore knew he was dealing with a regular channel steamer, the route of channel steamer, which make the journey at a fixed time, and the Sussex was passing by the regular route at the regular time. The commandant of the submarine therefore knew he was dealing with a regular channel steamer, here is dealing with a regular channel steamer, here is all night and saved the obstinction. The firm loss including from destruction. The firm loss is placed at \$25,000. Benjamin, stuck heat from the fires inguity to the firm loss in high control to the destruction. The trouble arose of Uganda and Mombasa for administering communion to non-consisteration. The trouble arose out of a missionary conference held in 1993 in difficult to the first found estruction. The trouble arose out of a missionary conference held in 1993 in difficult to the first found estruction. The fire is a firm loss of the bishops of Uganda and Mombasa for destru



BACKWARD SEASON.

# FRENCH ARE MOWED

## SOME ARE BAYONETED IN GERMAN TRENCHES

### British Claim Repulse of Several Enemy Bombing Attacks at St. Eloi.

the was said the actual value of the affidavits had been materially lessened by the contents of the German note replying to the American inquiries. The affidavits probably would have played an important part in the indictments if the administration did not regard the German statements about the Sussex so constituting a virtual admission of gailt.

It became known here last night that the contemplated action of the United States, which is expected to bring the submarine controversy to a clear cut. issue, is being watched closely by the diplomatic representatives of other neutral nations. The United States is taking into consideration the case of many more urral vessels, which, while not carrying American citizens, have been sunk by German submarines. An investigation of these cases has been proceeding on the ground that it was stoned to the country of the country the conflagration is at tox was a stone materially lessened to keep the machine in their rays. To keep the machine in their rays.

It was said the actual value of the most valuable forest stod some of the most valuable forest of the country, the conflagration is at to keep the machine in their rays.

It is worst. This afternoon Daniel B. Carter, a farmer, was overtaken by the form of the Mar College Mr. Thompson turned northeastward and soon was over the Capitol. Another bunch of bombs were set oft, and then he headed up town and theoretically destroyed the White House and the government building adjacent to it. A magnesium flare was then lighted, and, with a tail of white fire like that of a comet strong heal of white fire like that of a comet strong heal of white fire like that of a comet strong heal of white fire like that of a comet strong heal of white fire like that of a comet strong heal of white fire like that of a comet strong heal of white fire like that of a comet strong heal of white fire like that of a comet strong heal of white fire like that of a comet strong heal of white fire like that of a comet strong heal of white fire like that of a ceeded in penetrating the Teuton poon his asso-of red lights ing in the trenches there, however, the two of the larger craters.

in the Caurettes wood and near Esnes

## French Statement.

The official communication issued to night by the French war office reads. "In the Argonne we cannonaded the roads in the region of Montfraucor "West of the Meuse the enemy viothe afternoon our positions in Caurettes wood and in the neighbor-hood of Esnes.

"East of the Meuse there was intens artillery activity on both sides in the sector of Douaumont and south of the

## British Repulse Germans.

The following British official state ment on the campaign in France and Belgium was issued tonight: "Last night the enemy made sev

ral small bombing attacks on our craters at St. Eloi. They were all repulsed. The enemy blew up five mines today in the neighborhood of the quarries and opposite Hulluch.' The damage done was very slight. There was the Cabaret Rouge, Mametz and Fricourt.

"There were artillery actions on both by the Bishop of Zanzibar against the sides today about Thietval, Monchy-Bishops of Uganda and Mombasa for au-Bois, Souchez, Bovigny, Wyschaete administering communion to non-conformists. The trouble arose out of a missionary conference held in 1903 in north of the River Douve, with good

Canadian Infantry brigade relieved the British in the new line. Taking over virtually non-existent front trenches still imperfect, machine gun emplace-ments not yet constructed and under a German artillery bombardment, was the task the Canadians were called on to do. Protection and to do. Protection and cover were all too scanty, the report says, and the British dead were still lying in the trenches. Under these conditions the Canadians held their ground.

April 5 the German artillery fire was resumed with increased severity and averaged in description the Canadian

## Germans Seize Craters.

ons. The Canad

April 6 companies of the 9th Van-Gwynne and Lieut, N. E. O'Brien, wersent to relieve the men in the ad vanced positions, but before the relie movement was completed a terrific bombardment made impossible the holding of the trenches any longer artillery fire, and in this position they were attacked by a battalion of German infantry. The Canadian troops

# SEAMEN'S DEMANDS HALT OCEAN LINERS

## lently bombarded during the course of Delay One New York Steamer, Force Another to

# Anchor.

mining activity on both sides about away until 6 p.m. The crew, it was vanced Russian position on the the American line.

## Some Demands Granted.

When the vessel finally sailed it was Russian war office today follows: explained that a 'truce" had been effected, and that some of the demands Merica, at which a federation of the missionary societies of British East Africa was planned. The controversy was largely one of church discipline and low durch. The case came up for consideration and Church, at which sholps of Canterbury presided. The final decision of the bishops of Canterbury presided work by Canadian troops in remainded against the practice complained of the strikers had been granted. The brazos had made her way as far as the Statue of Liberty on heard wire south of the village of arbunovka and occupied two hills to the week and south of the village of arbunovka and occupied two hills to the week and south of the village of arbunovka and occupied two hills to the week and south of the village of arbunovka and occupied two hills to the week and south of the village of arbunovka and occupied two hills to the week and south of the village of arbunovka and occupied two hills to the week and south of the village of arbunovka and occupied two hills to the week and south of the village of arbunovka and occupied two hills to the week and south of the village of arbunovka and occupied two hills to the week and south of the village of arbunovka and occupied two hills to the week and south of the village of arbunovka and occupied two hills to the week and south of the village of arbunovka and occupied two hills to the week and south of the village of arbunovka and occupied two hills to the week and south of the village of arbunovka and occupied two hills to the week and south of the village of arbunovka and occupied two hills to the week and south of the village of arbunovka and occupied two hills to the week and south of the village of arbunovka and occupied two hills to the week and south of the village of arbunovka and occupied two hills to the week and south of the village of arbunovka and occupied two hills to the week and south of the village of arbunovka and occupied two hills to the week of the week and south of the village of the week and south of the village of the week and south of the vill of the strikers had been granted.

## FEIGN SURRENDER, THEN USE DAGGERS

Austrians Assail Czar's Troops in Ruse-Galician Battles Rage.

## GERMAN BODIES COVER **GROUND AFTER ATTACK**

by cirs northeast of Czernowitz, in Bukowina.

During the fighting Wednesday night at Trzibouchovtze Austrians armed not only with rifles and bayonets, but with daggers, approached Russian trenches. They threw away their rifles and raised their arms, crying out that they surrendered. When they reached close quarters with the czar's troops they used their daggers and fierce hands to the control of the American troops already have proceed. The United States government is willing to agree to fix a limit on the distance that American troops now in pursuit of Villa shall proceed into Mexico and to make that limit not much farther south than the troops already have proceeded. The United States government is willing to give assurances that the American troops will be withdrawn within "a reasonable time." or as soon as it is definitely established that Villa has reached a point where he can be dealt with better by the Carranza forces.

These that limit not much farther south than the troops already have proceeded. The United States government is willing to agree to fix a limit on the distance the pointed out if this view is followed washington government to go to the did of its neighbor stare with an expedition of such size and scope as to make certain that joint operations troops will be withdrawn within "a reasonable time." or as soon as it is definitely established that Villa has reached a point where he can be dealt with better by the Carranza forces.

These transports are condition was recurrent and in tolerable to the United States, it will be pointed out if this view is followed in the point of the American troops are such that the proceed into Mexico and to make certain that joint operations are sonable time. The united States government is willing to agree to fix a limit on the distance that the proceed into Mexico and to make certain that joint operations are considered. The United States government is will. hand fighting ensued. Following is the official statement is-

sued todáy at Austro-Hungarian head-

hich were four battleplanes, appeared shot down one battle plane at a dis-tance of thirty feet. The enemy squad-ron then fled. A damaged aeroplane landed near Boyan, between the Rus-sian and our lines. It was destroyed sian and our lines. It was desire by Austro-Hungarian artillery fire.

"Russian artillery actively shelled

### Russian Statement. The official statement issued by the tirely a separate matter from the nego-

"In the Dvinsk region our rifle detachments last night took the offensive Gen. Carranza's charge that in the sector comprising the village of American commander violated his or-

## to buy supplies. His information is that two American soldiers and forty Mexicans were killed, but no further details had been reported "Gen. Pershing also reports that he has given full information to

Gen. Herrera as to the position, direction and general destination of our troops pursuing Villa. He has sent by aeroplane for full particu-First American Version of Fight.

His report was the first official news that has been received of the incident ranza forces to carry out alone the

ch drew from Carranza the urgent Force of 1.000 Too Small. ons be withdrawn and though brief, confirmed the report sent by Consul

the forwarded it to Gen. Funston immediately.

He said that a part of the soldiers, eaving their arms at the camp outside the town, entered to buy food. They cere fired upon and retreated in the irection of the camp. Troops there toved forward to meet the Mexicans, tho were pursuing the retreating roops, and began a sharp fire, killing brty Mexicans. No mention of wounded either of the Americans or the Mexicans are considered as that suggested Gen. Carranza, since it had for its pose the crushing of an organized a numerous force of bandits, not the poset the crushing of an organized and punishment of a measurement of a measurem

Fierce Fight Waged Near Dvinsk

After Russians Occupy
Two Hills.

LONDON, April 15.—On the eastern front sharp fighting is going on between Austrian and Russian forces for positions on the lower Stripa and the lower strip the stripa and the lower stripa and the lower strip the stripa and the lower stri

Inom Mexico, that the United States will negotiate for an agreement along these tolerable to the United States, it will

# of U. S. Are to Withdraw

MEXICO CITY, April 15. The stateto ment is published here and is given credence by the Mexican people that the United States has announced its intention of withdrawing the troops now pursuing Villa. High officials of the gov-Meantime the pursuit of Villa by the ernment today expressed great pleasure American troops will continue. Secretary at this, but neither Gen. Carranza nor any numbers of his cabinet would discuss the matter officials. They desire to await official advices, they said, from the Mexico is as it was at the beginning, in cor- ican ambassador at Washington, Eliseo

The newspapers, however, basing operation continues and the expedition their comment on "the announced inten-

NEW YORK. April 15.—Action which was believed to be the forerunner of an effort to cause a general strike among seamen of all classes on the corresponding stramships resulted here today in one vessel, the American liner Mongolia, being delayed several hours in sailing; and another, the New York and Porto Rico liner Brazos, being tored to anchor down the bay after teaving her pier.

The Mongolia, laden with 10,000 tons of mixed, cargo for Liverpool, was to sail early in the day, but did not get away until 6 p.m. The crew, it was said, struck after a demand for higher said, struck after a demand for higher said, struck after a demand for higher the company of the cargo of the Carganza troops was represented to the point of mixed, cargo for Liverpool, was to sail early in the day, but did not get away until 6 p.m. The crew, it was said, struck after a demand for higher the company of the cargo of the cargo of the carganza and none is in contemplation. Secretary Baker and other officials of the orders and none is in contemplation. Secretary Baker and other officials and southeast of Bugzaz to the orders and none is in contemplation. Secretary Baker and other officials and southeast of Bugzaz to the corporate the orders and none is in contemplation. Secretary Baker and other officials and southers of the corpose was reparable to the orders and none is in contemplation. Secretary Baker and other officials and southers of the carganza transpose on the fact that co-operations for an agreement will be contour the negative as an important element, and the orders and none is in contemplation. Secretary Baker and other officials and southers of the carganza transpose on the fact that co-operations for an agreement will be contourned as an important element, and the orders and none is in contemplation. Secretary Baker and other officials and surgers and none is in contemplation. Secretary Baker and other officials and the orders and none is in contemplation. Secretary Baker and other officials and surgers and none is in con

In government circles it was said that Gen. Carranza probably will remain in Mexico City for a month, and that all the members of the cabinet will remain with him.

## MEXICO CITY EN FETE